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Vacation Fire Safety

Getting ready to leave on a well deserved vacation and your home will be empty? Make sure to check your home before leaving to minimize the risk of fire while you are away. In addition, upon arrival at your destination, make sure you take steps to ensure your safety as well as your loved ones.

Your Home

- All stoves and electrical appliances should be turned off or disconnected.
- Unplug all television sets, computers, and radios as lightning storms or sudden electrical surges could cause a fire in these devices.
- Upon your return, check to make sure your smoke alarm is working.

If You Are Staying In A Hotel/Motel

(Several of these also apply to a friend or relatives home)

- Select a hotel/motel that has smoke alarms in place in the room and common areas
- Select a hotel/motel that has fire sprinkler systems in place. If you must stay in a hotel/motel alarms or sprinklers, request a room on the first or second floor.
- Upon entering your room, review the fire safety information provided. Usually, it is posted near or on the back of the room door.
- Learn what number to call in case of emergency – Not all locations in the US have 911.
- As in your home, locate the two nearest exits and plan your escape ahead of time.
- Find the nearest fire alarm and read the operating instructions.
- Count the number of doors from your room to each exit. This way you will know where you are in case you get caught in a dark or smoke filled hallway.
- If you hear the fire alarm sound, or suspect a fire in the hotel, LEAVE the building according to the plan. Pull any fire alarm on the way out (if not already sounding) and call 911 (if applicable) from outside.
- If the fire alarm sounds, check the door with the back of your hand to see if it is cool, hot, or warm. If cool, slowly open the door; look for any signs of smoke or fire, and exit. A hot or warm door may be an indication of fire just outside your door. Leave the door closed, stay in the room and call the fire department and tell them you are trapped in your room – provide the room number.
- If there is any smoke in the hallway crawl low - under smoke - to the fire exit.
- If the fire started in your room, leave immediately and close the door behind you to confine the fire and smoke to the room.

- NEVER use an elevator under fire conditions.

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